

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:07 p.m. on June 18, 2014, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA.

Roll Call – Present: Mayor Randy Mills, Council Members Chris Bowen, Vince Evans, John Fountain, Gerald Hinesley and Cleveland Stroud.

Invocation – The invocation was given by Council Member John Fountain.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Randy Mills led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor’s Communication – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone.

Citizens’ Communication – There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Agenda Revisions: Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to remove “second reading” from item 1 under Old Business. He stated that this would be a public hearing only. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to add as item 7 a request to increase the accident report fee from \$3.00 to \$5.00. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Minutes – Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2014 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Recognitions:

1. Mayor Randal Mills read and presented a proclamation to the Conyers Police Reserve Unit declaring June 18, 2014 as Conyers Police Reserve Unit Day.
2. Mr. Mark Rice, First Vice President of the Building Officials Association of Georgia, addressed the Council and stated that Director of Planning & Inspection Services Marvin Flanigan was named the “Building Official of the Year” by the Building Officials Association of Georgia. Mr. Rice presented Mr. Flanigan with a plaque and a ring.

Old Business:

1. **Public hearing. Ordinance No. 964 adopting an annual budget for the City of Conyers for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The first reading and a PowerPoint presentation were presented to the Council at the June 4, 2014, Council meeting.** Chief Financial Officer Isabel Rogers addressed the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

No action was taken.

New Business:

1. **Public hearing: Request to approve Ordinance No. 961 to amend Title 8, Chapter 5, Sign Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers to provide new regulations for banners, air and gas-filled devices; to provide additional regulations for neon and LED signs; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.** Council Member John Fountain presented Ordinance No. 961 to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 961 and waive the second reading. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

2. Public hearing: Request to approve Ordinance No. 966 to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Conyers, Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-66, Livable Centers Initiative Overlay District, to amend the additional use limitations and requirements for drive-through facilities; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes. Council Member John Fountain presented Ordinance No. 966 to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.
Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.
There was no one wishing to address the Council.
Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.
Council Member John Fountain made a motion to deny the approval of Ordinance No. 966. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion.
Mayor Mills opened discussion of Ordinance No. 966.
After discussion, Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
3. Public hearing: Request to approve Ordinance No. 967 to amend the Tree Preservation and Landscape Ordinance of the City of Conyers, Chapter 10 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-10-8, Minimum Tree Density Requirements, to update Table 1 to incorporate new zoning districts adopted by the City since August 2004; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes. Council Member John Fountain presented Ordinance No. 967 to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.
Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.
There was no one wishing to address the Council.
Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.
Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 967 and waive the second reading. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
4. Public hearing: Request to hold a public hearing to comply with Section 9-2-31, Occupation Tax. This section states that when occupation tax is greater than revenues from the preceding year, the City shall determine how additional revenues will be used. The revenue for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 was \$453,832. The revenue for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 is currently estimated at \$551,059. Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.
Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.
There was no one wishing to address the Council.
Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.
No action was taken.
5. Application for a beer and wine retail sales license – (Gordon William Pledger – Gravity Craft and Homebrew Supply – 1136 Dogwood Drive, Suites A & B, Conyers, GA 30012). Council Member John Fountain presented the application to the Council. He stated that all background checks had been done and no violations were found; and made a motion to approve. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
6. Appointment of Michael Franklin to the Conyers Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB) to serve the unexpired term of Susan Crowell for the term of February 21, 2013 – February 20, 2016. City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Vince Evans made a motion to approve the appointment of Michael Franklin to the Conyers Convention and Visitors Bureau. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

7. (*Agenda revision*). **Increase of accident report fee from \$3.00 to \$5.00.** Chief of Police Gene Wilson presented the request to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Chief Wilson stated that this will bring the cost of an accident report in line with what is being charged online through the Georgia Electronic Accident Reporting System (GEARS). Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the increase of accident report fee from \$3.00 to \$5.00. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Chairman of the *Transportation and Stormwater Committee*, reported that the Railroad Street construction project will begin soon. He also reported that a new HAWK signal will be put in front of Rockdale Career Academy at the PATH crossing, and that the existing lights on Parker Road will be moved to the crossing at Flat Shoals.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee*, stated that this is the last week at the GIHP of Bob Bell's Atlanta Summer Classic horse show.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, reported that all Conyers police officers have completed the training on the new gun law that goes into effect July 1, 2014. He also reported that the Conyers Police Department is one of three finalists selected for the Motorola/Dr. Curtis McClung Award of Excellence for the "Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service Project" (RASS) by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, had nothing to report at this time.
- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, had nothing to report at this time.

City Manager's Update – City Manager Tony Lucas reported that Bob Bell will be continuing his horse shows at the GIHP. City Manager Lucas also reported that the National Institute of Justice recently performed an on-site assessment regarding CPD's handling of domestic violence calls and reported that the CPD is exemplary in its response. He reported to the Council that with the new gun law (HB60) becoming effective July 1, 2014, precautions will be taken to insure safety at the Council meetings – i.e., visitors to the Council Chamber will need to enter the front door of the Public Safety Building and take the elevator to the Council Chambers; and that Council Members, Department Directors, and other City staff will be able to enter at the "ramp door" with a key card. City Manager Lucas also gave kudos to the Conyers Police Reserve Unit, as well as Director of Planning and Inspection Services Marvin Flanigan for being named Building Official of the Year.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas stated there was a need for an executive session to include the City Attorney to discuss potential litigation. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to go into executive session to include the City Attorney to discuss potential litigation. Council Member John Fountain seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Attest:



Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk



Randal S. Mills, Mayor

AFFIDAVIT RE: CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETING

[Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)]

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF ROCKDALE

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized under the laws of the State of Georgia to administer oaths, Randal S. Mills, who in his/her capacity as Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem, the person presiding over a meeting of the City Council of the City (the "City Council") of Conyers, Georgia (the "City"), and after being first duly sworn, certifies under oath and states to the best of his/her knowledge and belief the following:

At its meeting held on June 18, 2014, the City Council voted to recess into executive session and closed all or a portion of its meeting to the public. The legal exceptions applicable to those exempt matters addressed during such closed meeting are as follows:

(Check or initial as appropriate)

Staff meetings held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(1)]

Discussing the future acquisition of real estate [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4)]

Discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action, dismissal, periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee of the City [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6)]

Privileged consultation with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlements, claims, administrative proceedings or settlements [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2] Include City Attorney -

Tax matters made confidential by state law [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2]

Inspection of physical facilities under the jurisdiction of the City [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(a)(2)]

Meeting with a governing body, officer, agent or employee of another agency at a location outside the geographical jurisdiction of the City or such other agency and at which not final action is taken [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(a)(2)]

Other: _____

I hereby certify that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters of official business or policy within the exceptions provided by law as set forth above.

W. J. Smith
Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of June, 2014.

Patricia A. Smith
Notary Public
June 5, 2017
Date Commission Expires



